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**441—65.4(234) Issuance.** The department shall issue food assistance benefits by electronic benefits transfer (EBT) cards.

- **65.4(1)** *Schedule.* Benefits for ongoing certifications shall be made available to households on a staggered basis during the first ten calendar days of each month.
- **65.4(2)** *EBT cards*. EBT cards shall be mailed to recipients except in the event of a disaster. In the event of a disaster, disaster EBT cards will be distributed through the local office. [ARC 8500B, IAB 2/10/10, effective 3/1/10; ARC 4573C, IAB 7/31/19, effective 9/4/19]